

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 49

**Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries
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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 49—Relative to science and mathematics education.

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ACR 49, as introduced, Jeffries. Science and mathematics education: Connect a Million Minds Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of April 4 to 8, 2011, inclusive, as Connect a Million Minds Week, and would urge all citizens to log on to the Connect a Million Minds Internet Web site and to pledge to connect youth with local opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The future of our state and our nation depends on
2 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and
3 WHEREAS, Currently, United States 12th graders are
4 performing below the average of 21 countries in science and
5 mathematics; and
6 WHEREAS, In the next decade 80 percent of all jobs will require
7 science and mathematic skills; and
8 WHEREAS, The need for inspiring our youth to pursue
9 education and career opportunities in science, technology,
10 engineering, and mathematics (STEM) is increasing every day;
11 and

1 WHEREAS, Connect a Million Minds is a philanthropic
2 initiative by Time Warner Cable introducing youth to opportunities
3 and resources that inspire them to develop the important STEM
4 skills they need to become the problem solvers of tomorrow; and

5 WHEREAS, A science- and technology-based curriculum,
6 “Cracking the Codes in the Digital World,” was created for
7 thousands of middle school students across 28 states to showcase
8 the digital world of technology; and

9 WHEREAS, Since Connect a Million Minds’ inception in
10 November 2009, Time Warner Cable has helped connect more
11 than 50,000 California middle school students in 150 different
12 California communities to after-school opportunities in science,
13 technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

14 WHEREAS, A new hands-on, interactive education curriculum,
15 “Cracking the Codes in the Wireless World,” based on national
16 science standards to showcase the wireless world of technology
17 for middle school students, will launch the week of April 4 to 8,
18 2011, inclusive; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the week of
21 April 4 to 8, 2011, inclusive, as Connect a Million Minds Week
22 in California and urges all citizens to join the 300,000 other citizens
23 who have already invested in our future by logging on to
24 www.connectamillionminds.com and to pledge to connect our
25 youth with local opportunities in the areas of science, technology,
26 engineering, and mathematics; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
28 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.